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A coppe of a letter contayning cer- tayn newes, and the Articles oz requestes of the Deuonshyre and Cornyshe rebelles.



Since my laste let-
ters set vnto you,
of the newes in
these parties (Be-
cause I wyl kepe
my fyrst promes, for interchaū-
ge of lettres) I haue chaūsed of
matter worthye aduertisment, &
some leasure to aduertysse thesa-
me, so that I could not with ho-
nestye, but satisfye your desyre,
to knowe our newes, as I my
self am verie desirouse of yours.
By my former letters you vn-

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derstode the dysorde and dys-
stopall, vppozes of the Deuon-
shyremen, whyche at the begyn-
nyng scmpng to me, to haue pro-
ceded but of some wyldenes of
theyr braynes, oz of some igno-
rance lackynge teachynge, I
thought wolde sone haue bynne
tamed wyth authozpte, and re-
formed wyth instruction, as I
vnderstande the lyke ende hath
wel happened of al the disquiet
assemblyes, in the othet partes
of the Kealme. But the mat-
ters of Deuonshyre nowe shewes
furthe the rotes of treason,
the buddes of rebellion, and the
fructe of fylthye poperpe, lea-
uyng now pretenses of treason,
and auowynge hyghe treason,
leauynge nowe colour of Reli-
gion,

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gion, and reiectyng all trewe religion, nowe come to verpe madnes, whyche befoze were but droncke, and cared not, for the name of rebelles, whych befoze were angry to be called trespassers, thys crafte hath the deuyl to encrease hys swarme. He taughte the Priestes and theyr Captaynes to cal the people together to defende theyr olde fayth, and therin vsed the name and aucthoryte of the kyn ges mayestye, hauyng no waye so ready, to assemble them together, whyche vsuallye is the trompet, that good subiectes followeth, two good begynnynges, Ye see the deuil vsed the name of God, and of the Kyng,

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and in dede, dyrectlye agaynste
 God and the kynge. Wel, now
 was it tyme for hym to worke,
 he sawe the assemblye dayly en-
 crease. One part was assured his
 owne, the Romysh priestes and
 the sturdy vacabundes. Wyth
 them he neded not vse craft, but
 rather taught them howe to vse
 it with others. The other parte
 were symple ignoraunt people,
 easelye disceyued, and quicklye
 made the partakers of euill.
 Thus the deuyl hauyng made
 hys bandes (parte of hys owne
 olde seruautes, parte of a new
 retynewe) beganne to send forth
 hys embassages (thesame being
 certen requestes, as he termed
 them) to remedye the grieffes of
 the **D**euonshirme, to the which
 the **K**ynge's maiesty, made a be-
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ye princely and reasonable an-
swere. Of the whych I receyued
syxe Copies in printe from you,
by M. Mohan, at his last com-
ming fro the Court to my Lord
pryuey seale. And for thesame I
thanke you, prayng you, yf any
suche lyke thynge come fourth
in printe, I may haue some sent
me wyth the fyrst, & yf you wyl
speake to the Kynge's Prynter
in my name, I dare say, he wyl
not denye you. But now to my
matter. By these embassages of
hishe thought to haue encreased
hys power, thynkyng in dede &
all they (whych gathered them
selues together in other partes
of the Realme, for pluckyng
downe enclosures, & enlargyng
of commes) would haue entered
in to hys seruice and taken hys

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quarell: but after hys articles
 were confounded by the kynge,
 and certen knoweledge came in
 to Deuonshyre, by theyr cur-
 rours abroad, that the Kentyshe
 Essex, Suffolke, and speciallve
 Hampshyre, hauing byene with-
 in the iurisdiccyon of the stoute
 Prelate of Wynchester, vtterly
 dyffyed and abhorred the De-
 uonshyrenē, protestyng euen in
 theyr moste disorder, that they
 wolde spende theyr lyues agaisst
 all suche rancke rebelles tray-
 tours & papistes. It was mar-
 uell to se the newe deuysles and
 inuencyons of the pryestes and
 vagabunde Captaynes, for the
 furtheraunce of theyr first pur-
 poses. Then begāne they to per-
 swade theyr people, that they
 had all gone to farre to shrinke,
 and

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and that nothinge now shoulde
helpe them, but stoutnes & cou=
rage, eyther wolde they now be
Lordes, or els haue nothynge,
eyther rule, or els not lyue, ey=
ther make a kynge, or haue no
kynge, no meane thynge might
content them. Theyr fyrst botye
(they thought) shoulde be the cy
tye of Excetter, the next, & spoyle
of theyr owne countreie, and so
consequently all other partes of
the Realme, for Excetter they
gape, but they cateche nothynge
sauiug gonne shot, wherof God
geues them plētye. Theyr owne
countreie they haue so spoyled, &
so disordered, that it is mysera=
ble to heare. The sonne robbeth
the father, the doughter is rai=
shed before the mother, he hathe
nothing at night, that had most

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In þe moꝛninge, & he hath moſte,
 whiche ought to haue nothing.
 And how longe he ſhal haue it,
 there is noo warrant. Two ma-
 ner of men go to wrack amōgeſt
 the. Good true ſubiectes, & wel
 thie. And other two, be daile pro-
 moted, traitours, and vile бага
 boundes. The viler mā, of moꝛe
 aucthoꝛite, the honeſter of moꝛe
 ſeruitude. Byeng and ſelling ſea-
 ſeth amōges them, in place
 wherof is come Robbynge, and
 reauynge, If hell be in earth,
 it is amōges them. And the pri-
 ſtes there, be the deuils. And the
 traytours be the toꝛmētours, &
 the reſte of the people forget-
 ting of their King, be as it were
 ſoules toꝛmented. Alas howe
 ſhall I be waple them? ſhall I
 pray to God that they may pe-
 riſhe?

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rytheroz that they may amend:
The one they haue deserued, the
other me thinkes I dare not as-
ke of god. For settig a syde their
robberies, their murders, theyz
raueshynges, their spoyle of the
countrey, and the losse of it for
many yeres, howe haue they of-
fended their Kyng & soueraigne
Lorde: How haue they dyspyled
hys name and aucthorite. And
(as much as lyeth in the) deini-
nyshed his credit and renoume.
Shal I say merely: Euery ho-
nest man amōges them, may re-
pēt him self of his good lyuing.
And euey euil mā (I thinke) is
sory: he was no more wretched, &
yet no euilnes nor wretchednes,
alloweth any mā (yf he wyl not
be a ranck traytour) onelye that
profession maketh rulers. And
because they vnderstād that ser-
uynge

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yunge men be comenly brought
 vp in such ciuylite that hardely
 they be made traytours. Yt is a
 comon Prouerbe, that trust ser-
 uynge man, trust gentyll man, &
 now no place is left but for tray-
 tours, all other sciences goeth a
 beggynge with them, and yet I
 doubt not, but theyr facultye
 wyl haue the prync of the mar-
 ket whiche is a halter and a tre.
 Thus farre after my accus-
 tomed maner I haue entreated ge-
 nerallytees, and yet such as my
 harte is ful of, and where my-
 ght I better discharge my so-
 rowe then wyth one, which wyl
 take parte thereof, I coulde not
 tell. But you wyl say, ye can la-
 mente the thynges as much as
 I, but for the matter of my Let-
 ter, you wolde desyre some parti-
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tular newes, or at the leaste my
Judgement, what I thoughte
wolde folowe. For newes, as I
promysed you in my former let-
ters to sende you theyr Articles,
so I do nowe here include them,
the whiche I coulde not well
performe before, because they
chaunged them so often, and de-
uyld so many, somtyme hauing
some reasonable, an other tyme,
not one tollerable, suche diuer-
sities of heades there was a-
monges them, that for euerie
kynde of brayne there was one
maner of Article, the priestes,
they harped all vpon a playne
songe of Rome, certē traytours
wolde halow home Cardinall
pole, a nombze of vagabon-
des wolde haue no Iustice, a
bande of theues, wolde haue
no State of anye Gentlemen
and

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and yet to put al in one bagge a
sorte of traytours wolde haue
nother king nor good subiectes.
And so euery barlet (abounded
in hys owne sense) At the laste
they concluded vpon these Arti-
cles , and set to their names as
ye shal see in the copietherof. As
for other newes (vntil my Lord
Prinsey seale shal haue þ power
come to hym, which he daily lo-
keth for) I cā not haue to writte.
For my Lord lieth wyth the kin-
ges power, here at a place called
Honnyton. Who (I assure you)
hath so gouerned these parties
here, by hys contynuall labour,
and wisdom, that hyther to, the
ennemyes dare not come forth
out of their denues (for so wold
ye cal them) yf ye saw the lances,
the hilles, the woodes & straight
passa-

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passages, betwixt vs and them,
They lye stil nere Exceter as I
wrote in my last Letters. And
not wstandynge, the twyse bur-
nyng of the gates, yet hyther to
can they not preuayll. A greate
part of the cōtinueth with their
fyrst Captain called vnderhyl, a
taylour of Sāpforde courtney.
I thinke they kepe hym styl, be-
cause they can not fynde hys
match, a Captaine wel chosen
by the deuil at the first. This is
for the newes. For my opiniō, I
dare be bolde wyth you and yet
therin I wyll vse few woozdes,
because yf I erre, I wil not erre
to long a time, I assure you, no-
thyng more encouraged them,
then that they loked all other
people being sturred vp in other
parties for enclosures and such
lyke

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lyke grieffe wolde haue taken
 theyꝝ quarell in hande, so nowe
 nothyng hath so muche decay-
 ed theyꝝ courage as that they
 heare and knowe the contrarie.
Theyꝝ boldenes beyng nowe of
 theyꝝ owne stoor, without hope
 of partakynge, more desperate
 then myghte and lesse for theyꝝ
 purpose, then for theyꝝ nombre,
 very many beyng there assem-
 bled with them, by force against
 theyꝝ wyll, and manye dayle by
 repentaunce, reacknowledgege
 theyꝝ duties and Subieccion.
And in dede, the very ordre and
 maner of quetyng of all other
 countreys putteth them cleerly
 from hope to styꝝre agayne, for
 they be not ignoraunt that the
 more parte of the requestes of
 them were such, as bycause they
 coude

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could not reasonably be rectified,
being for reformation of diuerſe
abuses in the comūe wealth (not
for the bringing in of the Romiſh
aucthority agaynſt the Kyng, &
hys Royall Croune) they, be for
the moſt parte graunted, in ſuch
ſorte as the people haue recey-
ued mercye, and be departed ho-
me wyth good contentacyon, ly-
ke good Subiectes. The Kin-
ges Maieſtye ſuſtayned no diſ-
honoure, hauyng ruled his peo-
ple, bothe wyth Juſtyce & mer-
cy, proportionally. And finally
the thynges whiche were euyl
uſed in the comon wealthe, very
lyke to be reformed, part, preſet-
ly by Commiſſion, parte, by Par-
liament, to the comen proſpyte of
the whole Realme, of ſo good an
ende our rebells here haue bene

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moste sorre, wisshing that the o-
ther people had leaped frō hedge
breakinge, to house robbing: frō
dece huntynge, to horse hunting:
from wantonnes, to starke mad-
nes: as they haue here frō robbe-
ries, to rape: frō rape to murder:
frō murder, to treason & popery:
& so to the deuil, whereas I fear
they wil cōtinue. And in dede, if
I maye presume (as I dare do
much w you my frende) to alowe
the Couñsels dede, me thinketh, &
matters haue bene very wel or-
dered (as it is reported here an-
ges vs) for although by Justice
euery mā deserueth death, which
cōsisteth againste his prince, yea
though he haue moche griefe, &
that the kinges Maiesty might
of Justice make slaughter of his
people, yet yf there be any place
for

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for mercy, it was in this case, for
the Kinge to shewe it, vpon hys
owne people: vpon people forget
ful, not obstynate: traytours, by
construccyon of Law, not by of
fence of harte: where the fault of
the mooste parte of them was
indeede vnlawfull Assemblies,
but wythoute open robberyes,
murder or spoyles: referryng
theyr grieffes as Suters, not
Orderers, cryeng for merce as
offendours, not Challengers.
And on the other syde, the Ju
stice shewed, was ryght necessa
rye, beyng extēded, vpon such as
eyther lacked cause to cōplayne,
or lacked grace to seke for the kin
ges mercy. And to say my mynd
(as one nether of court nor Cou
sailer) yf the Kinges sworde
lyghte shorte vpon anye, it was
B.ii. vpon

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vpon two kinde of people, take
 Popish priestes (reppynge a-
 gaynst the kynges holssome doc-
 trine) or vpon the cōmon runne-
 gates (seedmē of sedicion) of the
 which we haue plentye here. A-
 gaynste whome, yf the martiall
 law were executed, and were cur-
 rante Coyne in euery shyre (as
 I here say) there is a Proclama-
 tion for the same (which I haue
 not yet sene, but by youre next
 letters trust to receiue) I thinke
 there wolde be as fewe runnerts
 abroad, as now there be many.
 You must geue me leaue to talk
 a litle more after my wounded
 maner, which is to sai my mynd
 frākly vnto you without offēce.
 Nowe me thinketh the ende is
 such of your matters there, as
 euery state of people wilbe con-
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rent therewith, and so the mooste
trouble wil rest with these tray=
tours. For with you, the kinges
people which deserued death, be
by mercy preserved, & the thyn=
ges euell bled (as in dede discea=
les there be in the cōmō wealth)
shalbe now wel ordered by Par=
liamēt. And if the cōmon people
shalbe eased of their griefes, the
gentlemen shall also be relieued
of theirs. For se how much the fer=
mour crieth oute of hys rent, so
may the gentelman wel crye out
of the market, the one as muche
greued as the other, & one reme=
dye I trust shal serue both. For
me thinketh it is no more diffe=
rence for me, to haue .xx. pound,
spedyng .xx. pound, then to haue
xx. marke, spendinge .xx. marke,
so that my estate be kept like w
B.iii. both

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both, you wyl thynke I wyte
now at my wyl, because yf ye re-
meber the last yere in the parke
at Wyncsout when the Court
was there, thys question made
great argument betwyte you
and me, whether for the amende-
ment of thinges in the common
wealth the fermour should fyrt
abate hys pryce, and then the
Landed man his rent, or in con-
trary order, at whiche tyme, I
remembre you stode vpon one
poynte, whych I could not de-
nye, that the Gentylman by
deere byeng, was dyuen to let
deere, and I vpon an other
poynte (not al vntrewe) that the
deere hyrpyng made deere. fel-
lyng, But where the fault fyrt
beganne, neyther of vs woulde
graunt to the other, neuerthe-
lesse

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lesse, so weyghty a matter it is,
as no wayes to be discussed but
by Parliament. Where when
the argument is at an ende, it
may be establyshed by a lawe,
wherof there was neuer more
lykelyhood, because the amien=
dement therof, wyl helpe so ma=
ny as well Lordes and Gentil=
me, as al other Commoners, no
man hauyng cause to repyne a=
gaynst it, but sache as gather,
not to spende and improue their
lyuinges not for their charges,
as some haue done, but for
their coffers.

So that too
conclude, improuemēt alone ma=
keth no man ryche, but improue
ment and sparynge. But what
medle I wyth thys matter, and
yet what dare I not to you my
frende, by Sayncte George
B.iiii. I say

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I saye to you merely out of bo-
urde, no one thyng maketh me
more angry wyth these rebelles
then one article, which toucheth
me on the quicke. And I beleue,
there be few in the realme, but it
wyl make them smart, to for go
hys Abbey & Chauntry landes
wherin I for my part am so hea-
ted, that if I shoulde fight with
those traitours, I wold for eue-
ry two strokes to be stricken for
treason: strike on to kepe my la-
de, the which I bought to sure-
ly, to deliuer it at a papistes ap-
poyntement. Thus I haue ex-
ceeded in wordes, & yet you shall
counte it littel, because the mat-
ter is large, & thereby you must
measure me, & not by my lynes,
One thing I wil ye shal marke
and then I ende. The matter of
Cardinal

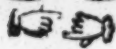
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cardinal Pole (as in this case) is
of great importaunce, lyke as
I am sure my Lord Protectour
is aduertised, for emonges these
rebelles, the chief Captayne of
all, sauinge one, was the Mar-
ques of Exetters man, and set-
teth forth the matter of the Car-
dinal so much, as in dede, he ma-
keth no other matter. His name
is Berry, one of them which sub-
scribed the Articles. If ye can
conuenientlye send me a Dagge
when the Kyniges Maiestyes
ordinaunce commeth doune, ye
shall receyue moneye for the
same of my Brother Henry. Ye
shall take payne to do my hum-
ble commendacions to myne
olde Mayester (good Syr
Anthonye Demye knight) and
especially too my Cosyn May-
ster

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ster John Peres of the Garde,
who I woulde were here with
one or two hūdzeth of þe Garde,
to knocke these knaues wyth
theyr Halbertes. Thus
fare ye, moſte hertelye
wel, and praye you, as
I do, that we maye
mete merelye.

¶



¶ From a billage, nygh ſainct
Mary Oterpe, the. xxvii.
of Iulie.

¶ Yours ever sure.

R. A.

The Articles of vs the
Commoners of Deuonshyre
and Cornewall in diuers Com-
pes by East and West
of Exceutor.



First we wyll haue all ^{i.}
the generall counsels &
holy decrees of our for-
eathers obserued, kept
and performed, and who so euer
shal agayne save them, we holde
them as Heretikes.

Item we will haue the Lawes ^{ii.}
of our Souerayne Lord kyng
Henry the. viii. concernynge the
syre articles, to be in vse again,
as in hys tyme they were.

Item we will haue the masse ^{iii.}
in Latte, as was before, & cele-
brated by the priest wythoute
any man or woman comynca-
tyng wyth hym.

Item

iii. **I**tem we wyl haue the Sacrament hange ouer the hpeghe aulter, and there to be worshipped as it was wonte to be, and they whiche will not therto consent, we wyl haue them dye lyke heretykes agaynst the holy Catholyque fayth.

iv. **I**tem we will haue the Sacramēt of the aulter, but at Easter deliuered to the lay people, and then but in one kynde.

v. **I**tem we wil that our Curates shal minister the Sacramēt of Baptisme at all tymes aswel in the weke dawe as one the holy dawe.

vi. **I**tem we wyl haue holy bread and holy water made cuery son-dawe, Palmes and asshes at the tymes accustomed, Images to be set vp again in euery church
and

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And all other auncient olde Ceremonies vsed heretofore, by our mother the holy Church.

Item we wil not receyue the viiiijth newe seruyce because it is but lyke a Christmas game, but we wyll haue oure olde seruice of Mattens, masse, Euen song and procession in Latyn not in English as it was before. And so we the Cornish mē (wherof certē of vs vnder stāde no English) betterli refuse this new English.

Item we wyll haue euerye ixth preacher in his sermon, & euery Pryest at hys masse, praye specially by name for the soules in purgatory, as oure forfathers dyd.

Ite we wyll haue the whole Bible & al bokes of scripture in English to be called in agayn,
for

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for we be enformed that otherwise the Clergye, shal not of lōg time confound the heretikes.

xi. ¶ Item we wyll haue Doctor Bozeman and Doctor Crispin which holde our opinions to be fauely sent vnto vs & to the we requyre þe kynges maiesty, to geue some certai liuiges, to preach amōges vs our catholike faith.

xii. ¶ Item we thinke it very mete because the lord Cardinal Pole is of the kynges bloode, shoud not only haue hys free pardon, but also sent for to Rome, & promoted to be first or secōd of the kynges counsayl.

xiii. ¶ Item we wyll that no Gentynian shall haue anye mo seruantes then one to wayte by hym excepte he maye dispende one hundred markes land and for euerye hundred markes we
thynke

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thynke it reasonable, he should
haue a man and no mo.

CItem we wyll that the halfe *xiii.*
parte of the Abbey landes and
Chauntrye landes, in euerye
mans possessyons, how so euer
he cam by them, be geuen again
to two places, where two of the
chief Abbeis was with in euery
Countye, where suche half part
shalbe taken out, and there to
be establyshed a place for de-
uout persons, whych shall pray
for the Kyng and the common
wealth, and to thesame we wyll
haue al the almes of the Chur-
che bore geuen for these seuen
yeares, and for thys article we
desire that we may name half of
the Commissioners.

Ite for the particuler grief-*ch.*
fes of our Countreye. We wyll
haue them so ordered, as Hum-
frey

Articles.

Freyc Arundell, & Henry Brayne
the Kynges Maioz of Bodma,
shall enforme the Kynges Ma-
iestye, yf they maye haue salu-
cōduct vnder the Kynges great
Seale, to passe and repasse, with
an Heroalde at Armes.

pbt. ¶ Item for the performace of
these articles, we will haue .liii.
Lordes. viii. knightes. xii. Es-
quyers. xx. Yomē, pledges with
vs vntill the kynges Maiestie
haue graunted al these by Par-
liament. ¶ By vs.

Humfrey Arundell.

Berry. Thomas Underhill.

Jhon Sloeman. Wyllyam Segar.

¶ Chief Captapnes.

Jhon Tompson Priest.

Henry Bray Maier of Bodman.

Henry Lee Maier of Toriton.

Roger Barret Priest.

The foure Gouernours of
the Campes.